

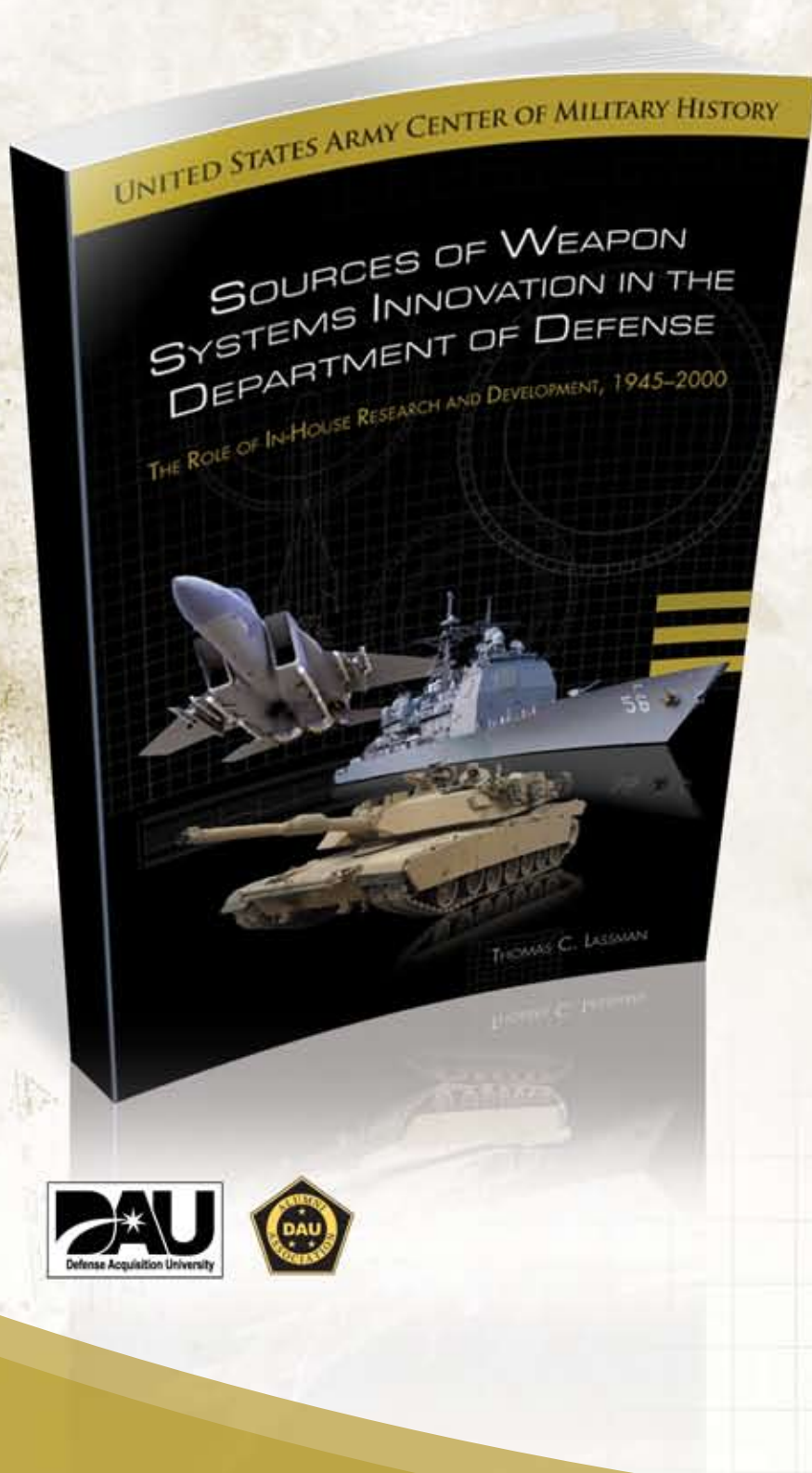
# a celebration of ACQUISITION HISTORY

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Dr. Tom Lassman, DoD historian and author of ***Sources of Weapon Systems Innovation in the Department of Defense: The Role of In-House Research and Development, 1945-2000***, will speak at the Defense Acquisition University on his book.

Representatives from the Center for Military History will also be in attendance to speak about the Defense Acquisition History project.



## December 17

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Defense Acquisition University  
Hirsch Center, Building 226**

A free autographed copy of ***Sources of Weapon Systems Innovation in the Department of Defense*** will be provided to attendees as supplies last.



**D**r. Lassman's book begins with an examination of how the post-World War II military environment sought to obtain in-house expertise to develop state-of-the-art weapon systems, discussing DoD's partnership with industrial firms and colleges and universities to gain much-needed scientific and technical expertise. It further examines the expansion of military services' internal research and development programs to complement the growth of weapons research and development in the private sector, particularly how research and development evolved during the Cold War. The central theme of the book is how the military services accommodated changes in management policy and balanced the corresponding growth of research and development outsourcing at the expense of maintaining a viable in-house capability.

Beverages and light refreshments will be provided